

To whom it may concern,

I wish to express my outrage at the upcoming John Kerry Vietnam special titled "Stolen Honor" to be broadcast by Sinclair broadcasting group. A broadcasting corporation using it's power to force member stations to air an anti-Kerry film without also showing a program with an alternate point of view is manipulative and un-American.

This is a blatant misuse of their position. In a society outraged about the potential airing of a program depicting former President Ronald Regan in an unkind light, it should be amply evident that allowing this current program is directly against the wishes and principles of this country. We wish for balanced information so as to make our *own* choices, not simply to have a single viewpoint spoon-fed to us.

I realize the Sinclair website mentions asking Senator John Kerry to participate, however I do not trust that the time they would give him to speak would be in any way equal to the air-time of the program in question. Plus Mr. Kerry would not have even a fraction of the preparation time as was used in the creation of this program.

Again, I do not mind alternate viewpoints. However, to give special consideration to only those viewpoints as shown in this program illustrates an obvious bias that degrades this nation of freedom and liberty. An ignorant nation is not a free one.

Please take a higher road and sustain the values of this country by showing us that money is not more important than balance, freedom, and equality.

The following text is a form letter from the website www.freepress.net which I agree with and wish to include here:

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.

Thank you very much for your time and for reading my words. I am grateful! I hope you may consider my opinion important.

With hope,

- A patriotic citizen of the United States